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Miss Almarine Brown Named WMU Pres.

Adopts \$10,000 Special Day Goal, Reports Growth

Showing the greatest increase in its entire 73 years, the Woman's Missionary Union Convention meeting at the First Church, Jackson, March 20-22, elected Miss Almarine Brown of Jackson as its president for the coming year, adopted ten recommendations made by its Executive Board including the adoption of a \$10,000 goal for W.M.U. Special Day, and received a challenge from the report of the 1950 progress.

Miss Brown, prominent Jackson business woman and teacher of the T. E. L. Sunday School Class in the First Church, has served as chairman of the Mississippi Business Woman's Circle Federation.

She has been a valuable member of the W. M. U. Executive Board. She was elected to the presidency by the Convention in its closing session.

She succeeds Mrs. Wilma Sledge, who served as president for five years and requested that she not be re-elected. Mrs. Sledge was presented a beautiful silver bowl and candelabra set, expressing the Convention's appreciation for her service. Mrs. J. A. Anderson, who made the presentation, spoke of the splendid accomplishments and gains during these years.

Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, was elected to her 21st term as recording secretary.

Other officers included: Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, vice-president; Mrs. George W. Riley, Clinton, parliamentarian; Mrs. W. A. Stockton, community missions chairman; Mrs. J. T. Lyons, McComb, stewardship chairman; Mrs. N. A. Edmonds, Jackson, Mission Study chairman; Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Magnolia, B. W. C. Federation chairman; Miss Almarine Brown, state vice-president of the Southern Baptist W. M. U.

"Witness" was reiterated throughout the Convention and will long be remembered by the more than 1,375 who heard the missionary messages.

Rev. J. D. Hughey, missionary to Spain, pointed out that one of the greatest achievements of modern times was the revival of the missionary spirit of the last century and a half. He urged Baptists to reaffirm their faith in missions in lands such as Spain, which are largely Catholic, because Baptists owe their few fellow churchmen in these

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Annuity Board Reports Growth

DALLAS Texas —(RNS)— Increases in assets, income and benefits were reported at the annual meeting here of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary, said assets now total \$20,518,200.12 as compared to \$17,613,434.86 the year before. Benefits paid last year totaled \$1,413,885.82 as against \$1,375,209.25 the previous year.

Total income for 1950 was \$4,824,268.72. In 1949 it was \$4,269,496.13.

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The newly elected president of the State W.M.U. Convention is Miss Almarine Brown, right. Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, was elected to her 21st term as secretary of the convention.

Missionary Dies In Plane Crash

Missionary Julius Raht Hickerson, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to Colombia, South America, was killed in a plane accident March 21, according to information just received by Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Latin America. Mr. Hickerson was returning to his station in Cartagena from Cali, where he had been conferring with Dr. H. W. Schweinsberg, also a Board missionary, concerning the new international seminary to which he had recently been elected president.

Mr. Hickerson, a native of Tullahoma, Tenn., was appointed for overseas service in October 1949, along with Mrs. Hickerson, the former Miss Vivian Dunn of Pollock, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Hickerson spent the first year abroad in language school at Medellin, Colombia, and returned to the States for two months in the fall of 1950 to prepare for permanent service.

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Report Shanghai Christians Form Anti-American Group

SHANGHAI—(RNS)—More than 400 representatives of Christian organizations were reported here to have formed a group called "Shanghai Christian Associations Committee for Resisting American Aggression and Aiding Korea." They were said to have sent a telegram to Mao Tze-tung, head of the Chinese Communist regime, pledging

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Home Life Featured In New Film Releases

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Earl Waldrup, secretary of the Audio-Visual Aids Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board, announced that on March 22 production will begin on "Bible on the Table," a 30 minute sound motion picture on family worship.

The production is to be done in California and the best film production equipment and facilities available will be used. Members of the Audio-Visual Aids staff will be present to supervise the production.

The next film scheduled for release is a ten minute film tentatively entitled "Training Union Is A Family Affair." Both films will be released in early summer.

Concerning Admission of Negro Students To Southern Baptist Seminary Classes

By REV. ERWIN McDONALD

Dept. of Public Relations

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary When Baptists confront a need, the question is not, "What is expedient and popular?" but "What would Christ have us do?" In this spirit the problem of admitting a few carefully selected Negro ministers to the educational privileges of Southern Seminary has been faced by the Board of Trustees for the past three years.

Until recently there were legal restrictions in Kentucky preventing the teaching of Negro and white students

in mixed classes. This restriction having been removed, the issue had to be met. At the 1950 meeting of the trustees a committee of trusted brethren was appointed to make a careful study and to report their recommendation. The resolution presented and passed, after thoughtful discussion and some amendment, reads as follows:

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The Baptist Record EF Plan Helps Increase Spirituality

Making Our Sprint

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary

As this article is being read most of the Baptist churches east of the Mississippi River are entering into the last phases of the Evangelistic Crusade. All preparations have been completed—the revival actually begun. The church members have been prepared by preaching, prayer, and promotion. Surely the remaining days of the revival can be the most fruitful.

A good runner gives his best during the last part of the race. No champion fails to capitalize on the "sprint." When the racer comes to the place where every good runner makes his "sprint" he suddenly seems to cast all caution to the wind and literally gives his all in completing the race.

We must make our "sprint" for God. Every preacher must "preach his heart out." Every singer must sing as he has never sung before. Every worker must visit and witness as he has never done before. We must, because we must do the greatest possible work for God. We must because we are able. In His power we are able.

It would be well if the census were carefully checked. Be sure that every prospect is visited. Prospects know now that we know where they are. The census takers came and found them. They know that the information has been reported to the pastor and the leaders of the church. What now, if you do not go after them? We cannot afford to fail in this main business of personal witnessing. So much depends on the "sprint."

ATTENTION PASTORS!

We are attempting to bring our pastors mailing list up-to-date so that all materials mailed from this office will reach each Mississippi Baptist preacher. In order to do this, we are asking you to write us giving your correct address, your church or churches, and the association, if you are not receiving materials from the office of the Executive Secretary. If you have moved since the last minutes were printed or if you have another church since that time, we would appreciate receiving that information, also.

WESTERN RURAL LIFE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The fourth year of the Western Rural Life Leadership Conference will be held with the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, May 7-10, 1951. Sessions of this conference will begin on Monday night, May 7th, and will close on Thursday night, May 10th. An unusually well-adapted program has been provided for the conference this year.

It is expected that this will be the largest single Rural Life Conference ever yet held in our Southern Baptist life, and we believe we will easily surpass anything that has been done in the past.

The outstanding personalities of this Rural Life Program this year consist of Dr. Robert T. Daniel, teacher of the Bible Hour; Dr. K. O. White, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, as the preacher. In addition to these regular speakers each day we will have Rev. Garland Hendricks, who is in charge of Rural Life Leadership work of Gardner-Webb College in North Carolina. He was formerly pastor of the Olive Chapel Baptist Church in North Carolina. In addition to these preachers and teachers, we will have

rural life in its general broad scope discussed by Dr. Paul H. Walser of Texas, Dr. Ferdie Deering of Oklahoma, and Dr. Aubrey Gates of Arkansas. These men are outstanding leaders in the field which they will discuss and will be of peculiar interest to our people who live in the rural areas.

The sessions of this conference will be presided over by those from our Southwestern Seminary, consisting of Dr. E. D. Head, president, and other leaders in rural life work in the western states.

The states involved in this Western Rural Life Conference, and who are supporting this conference are: Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

The topics of particular interest to rural pastors and missionaries this time will be: "The Work of My Church" and "The Work of My Association," which are the testimonials from pastors and missionaries as given each year. The needs of the rural people in medicine and the youth and in economics and agriculture will be presented by outstanding speakers outside of our states.

The afternoon sessions of the conference will be given to the financing of the rural church with ample discussion and open forum, and to the building of an associational mission program for all Southern Baptist people. These are the two special items that deal with our own rural churches themselves. Dr. J. Howard Williams, State Secretary of Texas, will lead the discussions daily on "Our Denominational Life and Program" which will challenge us to the very best that is within us.

It is understood, of course, that this Western Rural Life Conference is promoted jointly by the Home Mission Board, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the State Mission Boards of these Western States. The Home Mission Board provides the cost of the personnel and publicity for the program; the Seminary provides a bed for all those who attend, and meals in the cafeteria at a small cost. Each person coming will take care of his own meals. The state mission boards themselves will do what they can and feel is wise to do toward the transportation of their missionaries and pastors to this conference.

We are looking for the largest attendance in the history of this conference and hope that each rural pastor and missionary within these states will make plans to attend. When you have decided to attend, sent the request for your reservation to Dr. R. O. Baker, Jr., Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas, and ask for a reservation for this conference.

Note carefully please: Each man is to bring his own sheets and pillow case. Otherwise there will be a small charge for these items. You can bring your own in your suitcase, and there will be no charge for your bed. Please make your reservation at your earliest convenience so Dr. Baker can make provision for every man who wants to attend. Sessions of the conference will be held at the Seminary Chapel.

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"CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE CHOSEN the church when they support heartily all the ministries of the church—the ministry of preaching, the ministry of worship, the ministry of teaching, the ministry of training, and all of the other great ministries assigned to a church by its Lord." —J. E. Lambdin, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Woman's College Receives \$15,000 Check



IN THE ABOVE PICTURE Dr. I. E. Rouse, president of Mississippi Woman's College, has just received a \$15,000 check from Miss Martha Green, sophomore at Mississippi Woman's College. The check was sent in by her father, Ben Green, of Leaf, a trustee. The \$15,000 is for the permanent Endowment.

N. O. C. of C. Honors Southern Baptist Hospital On Its 25th Anniversary

On March 8, 1951, in the Roosevelt Hotel, the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce tendered a banquet in honor of the Southern Baptist Hospital on its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The program was presided over by the vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, and representatives of the medical societies, hospital associations, and the Baptist denominational brought greetings. A members of the City Commission Council spoke on the Hospital's contributions to the reputation New Orleans has as an outstanding medical center. He presented official citations of merit from the Commission Council to James W. Smither, Sr., the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee which financed the purchase of the site for the Hospital as the first step in the establishment of the Hospital in New Orleans, and to Reverend Louis J. Bristow, the first superintendent, who served in that capacity until 1947.

An incident occurred at the banquet which is of especial interest to Baptists, who have long cherished the position that they should not accept government aid in financing the building or operating their institutions. The chairman, in his tribute to the Hospital, recalled that in the original negotiations for bringing the Hospital to New Orleans, arrangements were made by the local committee for the city government to buy the land for the hospital

site. The chairman stated that word was received from the Southern Baptist Convention that such an arrangement could not be accepted, as it was considered to violate the principle of separation of Church and State, and that only a site purchased by voluntary subscriptions from the citizens of New Orleans would be acceptable. A spontaneous burst of applause greeted this statement of a policy which is increasingly unique in these days of wholesale dependency upon government aid.

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BAPTISTS TO CONSTRUCT 25 COTTAGES IN DAY

PINEVILLE, Ky. —(RNS)— Twenty-five four-room cottages will be erected on the grounds of the Baptist Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School, near here, on May 8 by volunteer labor.

The school, which is attended mainly by men with families, is sponsoring the one-day project to meet the need for housing.

Labor, funds and materials will be donated by churches, communities and individuals of the surrounding area. The cottages will be made of frame and rock veneer, and only the footings and foundations will be laid in advance of the construction day.

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Women's Convention Was A Great Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Union Convention, meeting at the First Church, Jackson, last week was one of the most forward-looking and far-reaching meetings in the annals of the WMU work. They radiated a spirit made great by conquests in kingdom service.

The work of the past convention year was reviewed, showing a most favorable report. A net gain in organizations was 407, making a total of 2,813. This growth was reflected in large contributions.

A total of \$167,331 was given as follows: 727 societies gave 36,609 to State Missions; 706 gave \$46,131 to Home Missions, and 776 gave \$84,591 to Foreign Missions.

The societies set a pattern for all organizations to work toward, with 17,753 tithers reported, a net gain of 1,994 in one year.

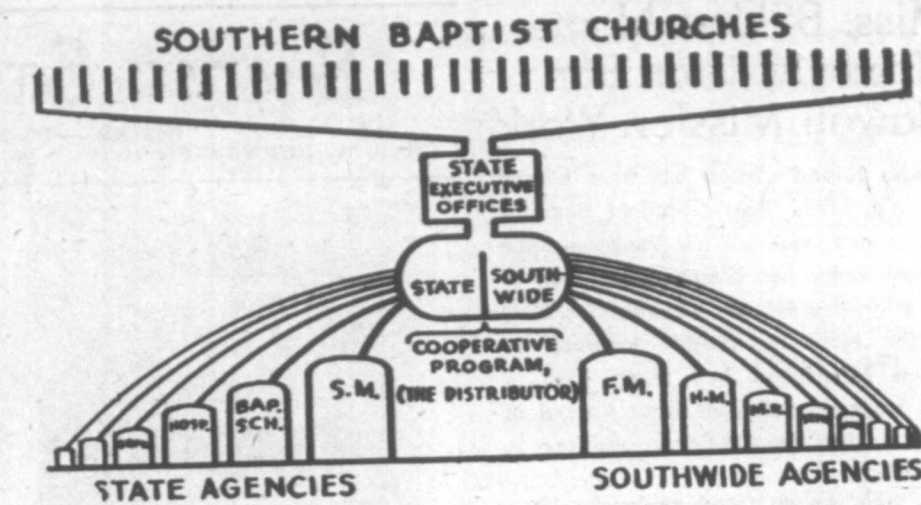
With such a mighty army of consecrated Christian women on the march and with victory in their hearts, we may see even greater things of them in the future.

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What Ignorance We Have

The editor of *The Christian Century*, in the editorial, "Kyodan Can Still Be Saved," in the issue of March 7, reveals considerable ignorance concerning Baptists of Japan. In referring to churches which are now "threatening secession" from the Church of Christ in Japan, he states that they "are almost all group which were formerly related to Presbyterian, U. S., and Southern Baptist mission boards."

He is ignorant of the fact that



all churches which were formerly related to the Southern Baptist Mission Board withdrew from the Church of Christ in Japan three years ago, almost immediately following the recall of the government's order which forced them into the union church. This was done before our missionaries had returned to Japan and without correspondence with our Foreign Mission Board.

The editor condescendingly refers to "the inability of some other boards to cut the apron strings that bind the churches and pastors who were formerly related to their denominations." The churches of the Japan Baptist Convention had little hesitancy in cutting the apron strings that would have bound them to the kind of ecclesiastical authority and paternalism revealed in the editor's statement: "Any missionary who finds himself unable to participate fully in this larger fellowship is spiritually unprepared for service in present-day Japan and should be recalled." Behold, what ecumenicity we have!

The editor further reveals his ignorance when, in referring to 20 years ago, he says, "Few, if any, boards are now spending as much money in that country as then." The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention had about 15 missionaries in Japan prior to the last war. We now have 75 and are spending several hundred times as much money as we did then. —M. THEON RANKIN, Executive Secretary, The Foreign Mission Board.

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A Good Investment

Have you made plans to send your Sunday School superintendent and Training Union director to Ridgecrest? Ridgecrest is literally a reservoir of information and inspiration. In the service rendered by your workers after their return you will find that the expense of sending them to Ridgecrest is one of the best investments a church can make.

Living Costs Are Up

The cost of living for our pastor and his family has increased 14.4 per cent since 1947. Churches are trying to meet this increased cost in various ways.

Some churches are doing this by making an extra appropriation for travel expenses. This amounts to a little over \$400 a year for his cost of travel on church business. A study of this travel cost is included in a 24 page bulletin entitled *THE SIZE OF A RURAL PARISH*. (It is being distributed by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey for 10 cents).

Some churches are making an extra grant to cover the immediate cost of living. For a pastor and his wife and two children this increase amounted to \$251 from 1947 to the outbreak of the Korean War, July, 1950, and another increase of \$194 from July, 1950 to January 26, 1951 when the recent federal price control order was issued.

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If You Pay The Piper You Call The Tune

In the past few years we have called attention two or three times to the dangers of Federal aid to education. We mentioned the fact that if the Federal Government puts money into our schools, sooner or later it will try to control those schools.

Most of our readers approved to that stand. However, a few wrote voicing their objections to our presentation of the matter.

In order to keep the record straight and as another argument against Federal aid we call attention to a recent bill introduced by Senator James E. Murray (D-Mont.). In Senator Murray's new bill the school-bus clause provides that "if the treasurer or corresponding official of any state which accepts funds under this act is not permitted by law to disburse any of such funds for the transportation of pupils to or from non-public schools the United States Commissioner of Education shall with-

hold approximately five per cent of the Federal funds payable to that state."

In other words, this law states the U. S. Government will control the school bus system or the money will be withheld. It also means that the United States Government is going to tell the states what to do.

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Let's Begin Again

Sometimes it seems that we need to go back to the beginning.

The original and primary institution of human society was the home and was established by our Lord—not to be pagan but to glorify Him. It is up to us if we haven't already, to emphasize the need of the Christian home. We cannot depend on the non-Christian. Nor can we pass on the duty to our brother.

To the husband and wife, to the father and mother fall the duties of their home. To shirk this responsibility amounts to criminal neglect of ones children.

We need to tuck our heads in shame, for not all professing Christians can be recognized as such in their home life. Selfishness, jealousy, a domineering and quarreling attitude oft times characterize in the home those who seem to be Christians on the outside.

We need to take Christ home with us. To bring Him into the home and let him reign supreme will substitute love, devotion, sincerity, and consideration for one another where un-Christian elements may now befool the air.

The primary essential of any civilization is its home. Let's make ours Christian.

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Our Readers Write

HE WANTS TO KNOW

According to the record of Acts 8:11-24, would you say Simon was a saved or lost man?

I heard one teacher of an adult Sunday School class teach that he was a saved man. My judgement is he was lost—that his whole interest and desire was to make money out of his whole transaction.

It is true the record says, verse 13, that he believed and was baptized. It is also true that Peter's inspired opinion, verses 20-23, seems to be that Simon was very much lost. It is further true that he seemed to repent, verse 24. The record stops there without giving any results of his repentance.

I hope some one will give me light on this subject.

J. L. WILLIAMS
1218 25 Ave.,
Meridian, Miss.

CALLS FOR REPENTANCE

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Upon seeing so many of our National Guardsmen entertained with dancing on the eve of their going forth to fight for our freedom, and seeing the nation so wild over barn dancing (where there is dancing, there is whiskey, more or less) I am asking must this nation fiddle while Rome burns? Ga. 5:21.

Is this country so far from the Lord that it can't find a more enduring and profitable happiness as spoken of in the

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

AN OPEN LETTER TO MISSISSIPPI PASTORS!

Dear Brother Pastor:

The Baptist Record is the best single means we have of getting our entire Baptist program before our people so that they may be informed and enlisted in the work we are doing together in the cause of our Master.

We rejoice in the great gain that has been made in the circulation of The Record during the past few years. The circulation has increased from 4,001 in 1935 to more than 68,000 last week. There are more than 900 of our churches which have the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The goal for 1951, however, is 1,000 EVERY FAMILY churches.

As you probably know the EVERY FAMILY Plan is the sending of The Record to all the resident families of the church by the church at a cost of only 8 1/3 cents per family per month.

Certainly every Baptist in Mississippi needs the information he will receive in The Baptist Record. It will help the church, the pastor, and the work. It will be a source of inspiration to churches during the coming year to have The Baptist Record going into the homes of the people.

In these coming months of this year it will be of inestimable value.

The Baptist Record has always been true to the faith, a friend to all pastors and to all of our Baptist people and work. I should like to urge you to either lead your church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan or to try to secure as many individual subscriptions as possible.

I am sure the results will be ever beyond your highest expectations.

Yours truly,

CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary,

Mississippi Baptist Con-

vention Board

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REV. & MRS. G. M. CRAWFORD

Presented and adopted by Baptists of the Lafayette County Baptist Association meeting at New Prospect Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, March 18 1951:

Whereas our beloved brother and sister in Christ, Glen M. and Margaret Crawford, met with sudden physical death on March 9th; and

Whereas these servants of our dear Lord are greatly loved and appreciated by us; and

Whereas these dear fellow-workers proved themselves faithful, and rendered magnificent and efficient service in our county missionary work; and

Whereas these loved one manifested the life of Christ in their daily lives and service as they walked and worked with us;

Therefore, Be It Resolved,

First: That we humble ourselves before God and thank Him for the privilege given us in having these deeply consecrated Christians with us for over three years;

Second: That we pledge our own renewed efforts and service in carrying on the work so well done by the Crawfords;

Third: That we express our heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones of the families, and pray God's peace in their hearts;

Fourth: That we pray especially for God's blessings upon and in Ruth Ann and Mary Jo, the daughters of Brother and Sister Crawford;

Fifth: That we send copies of these resolutions to The Baptist Record and to the bereaved families; and that we request the Lafayette County Baptist

Miss. BSUers Name Naomi Clifton For Hawaii Mission Work

Miss Naomi Clifton has been named as Mississippi BSU's Student Summer Missionary, and will do Vacation Bible School and other Evangelistic Work in the Hawaiian Islands this summer. This is the sixth consecutive summer in which Mississippi has taken part in this work. Six students have worked in Hawaii, three in California, and one in Alaska.

Of the seven from various college campuses invited to meet with State Student Secretary Charles W. Horner to select this representative, only three were present. They were Miss Betty Quinn, BSU President for Co-Lin Junior College; Miss Lurline Stewart, Faculty Advisor for Hinds Junior College BSU, and Julius Thompson, substituting for Charlie Thompson, BSU President of Clarke College.

Miss Clifton was selected from ten volunteers. It was decided that the other nine would work in Mississippi and/or California in the following order and



NAOMI CLIFTON

according to the amount of money collected by Mississippi students for this purpose: Mamie Lou Eubanks, Blue Mountain; Eloise Ellis, Blue Mountain; Ann Bailey, Mississippi College; Jeanette Collier, Blue Mountain; Sue Tomlinson, Blue Mountain; Sue Carmichael, Belhaven; Dolores Watts, Northwest Junior College; Elois Coward, Mississippi College and Howard Taylor, Delta State.

From \$1,500 to \$2,000 is needed for all ten students to be used. This program is financed by students and others who wish to take part; contributions are made through the office of the State Student Secretary, Charles W. Horner, Box 530, Jackson. Last year \$1,755.98 was given for this project.

Miss Clifton has been a BSU officer at East Central Junior College and now at Woman's College, where she is a senior.

Association to include a copy of these resolutions in the minutes of the next annual meeting.

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S. R. WOODSON

Dr S. R. Woodson, Pastor of First Church, Columbus, and our State BSU Pastor adviser, who is pictured above, is to bring the keynote message to our State Retreat for BSU Officers on

W. C. WYATT BEGINS WOOLMARKET PASTORATE

Rev. William C. Wyatt has accepted the pastorate of The Woolmarket Church, Gulfcoast Association and began his work on March 1. He succeeded Rev. N. B. Saucier, who had served the church in connection with his work as chaplain at the V. A. Center in Biloxi.

During the ministry of Mr. Saucier, the interior of the church was completed, a cooling system installed and an educational building erected. Under his leadership the church grew from half-time to full-time. Mr. Wyatt will be the first full-time pastor.

Mr. Wyatt came to the church from the pastorate of the McHenry Church. He has studied in Alabama and at the New Orleans Seminary. The Rev. Mr. Wright from Monroe, La., is preaching in the Crusade revival.

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MY PRAYER

By MRS. FRANK CARTER

Help me, dear Lord, to live each day, A little better than yesterday.

Help me to gain, Lord, each day in grace,

That I may not be ashamed when I see thy face.

Help me and guide me along each day, In my work, my prayers, in thine own way.

Help me to do thy will each day, And to help others along the way.

Help me to work and watch and pray, And be thankful for every day.

I thank you, God, for every thing, For the trees, the flowers, and birds that sing.

For the sun, the stars, and the sky above, I thank you, God, for the people I love.

Help me to be true to the Lord that saves,

And to understand more, Lord, thy ways.

I thank you, God, for every day, Keep me closer to thee, Lord, in every way.

the subject, "Jesus Only." The Retreat is to be held at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, April 20-21.

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Deadline on Retreat registrations (\$1 each) is April 17. Should be sent to Mr. Stanley Thames, Co-Lin Jr., Wesson. Be praying for Retreat... All who want to be sure to continue receiving Miscellany, write us. A drastic revision of our mailing list will be made soon... College pastors, we again urge you to attend Student Retreat at Ridgecrest with us June 6-13... We invite pastors to write us about leading youth revival teams this summer... Recent blessings were in participating in two cottage prayer meetings, in the State Sunday School Convention, and in a Youth Rally at Pelahatchie Church. The latter, attended by about 180 people, nearly all young people, was a special blessing... Dr. Joe T. Odle, Gulfport First's pastor, recently spoke at Perkinson Jr. on "Finding God's Will for My Life" during Christian Vocations Week... Dr. B. Frank Smith, of Womans College, recently spoke on Evangelism to the Miss. Southern BSU...

Sand Hill Church Nears Completion

Progress is being made toward the rebuilding of the Sand Hill Church in Jones County. Their building was completely destroyed by fire last winter without any insurance. The school building first burned, and then one week after the school started meeting in the church, the church building burned.

The nearby churches have helped in the building program in a fine way, and the members of Sand Hill Church want to express their sincere appreciation. Any churches having church supplies which they could spare or are wishing to sell at a reasonable rate are asked to contact the pastor, Hubert Hurt, Ellisville.

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CAN PEOPLE BE TOO GOOD?

By HAL D. BENNETT

New Orleans Seminary

My pastor tells the story of a 12-year-old girl who became interested in the work of our church, one of the 38 churches in the New Orleans Association.

"Let her alone," the girl's father said to the pastor. "I don't want her to have any part of a Baptist church. Baptists are too strict. They want people to be too good. I want my daughter to be free to enjoy life and have a good time—to choose her own friends."

Can a person be too good? Can anybody name even one who is good enough?

Anyway, two years have past. Within recent weeks this same pastor has helped this same father to get the same girl into the Baptist Rescue Home for Young Women in New Orleans. She has had chosen her companions. She has had her good times, away from the influence of the "too-good" Baptists. She is soon to become a mother, at 14 years of age.

Verily, as the pastor points out now, that father will have to suffer in judgement for what he has done, or rather for what he left undone in providing for that young girl.

Judgement is eternal. Who can say when it begins and when it may end?



SHOWN ABOVE is Mrs. Wilma Sledge, center, retiring president of the State W.M.U. Convention, as Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, presented to her a silver candelabra set and silver bowl in recognition of her five years of service. Miss Edwina Robinson, right, is the State W.M.U. Executive Secretary.

Miss Almarine Brown

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countries a responsibility of assistance in their constant fight for religious freedom; they owe a responsibility to the many in such lands that are neither Catholic nor Protestant; they are responsible for making the truth known to all.

Coleman Clarke, missionary to Japan, vividly contrasted attitude, opportunities and results of Mission Work there at the present time with only five brief years ago. Three years ago the Japanese Baptist Convention requested 400 Baptist missionaries. We now have 72 there with a goal of 100 by the close of 1951. In these five years the number of Baptist churches has more than doubled. The most missionaries Southern Baptists ever had in Japan prior to the war was 20. The doors are wide open, the opportunities overwhelming, the number of laborers are limited by our failure as stewards.

"Thank God for every penny of Mission Money invested in China," was the heart cry of our missionaries to China, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Morris and Miss Martha Franks. They told of the Christians in China as the pressure of Communism slowly, insidiously moved in and took over the schools. The one retreat for the Christians was God, the giver of peace and power.

Miss Franks told Mississippi Baptists of the amazing and unbelievable fall of China of all of China to the Communists. In China at the time the Communists took over, Miss Franks said that none of her associates could yet quite comprehend how it happened. She said that she now believed that it was simply because the Chinese were so tired and so weary of fighting that they

had not the will to resist, and that the collapse of the Nationalist government under Chiang-Kai-Shek was the final straw. At this time, she said 80 to 90 per cent of the Chinese are bitterly opposed to the Communists.

"Communism is a spiritual matter," she declared. "Communism is the devil himself."

She warned that the people in America are asleep, and just as surely as the Communists took over by force in China, they will take over by infiltration here. Communism must be fought with truth and righteousness, because Communism is the most tremendous liar in the world, Miss Franks said.

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED

Most important of the recommendations by the Executive Board was the one designating a WMU Special Day for May 7. A goal of \$10,000 was set for this date.

This amount, which the WMU plans to raise on May 7, will be divided as follows: \$5,000 to the recently purchased Southwide WMU headquarters building in Birmingham, Ala.; \$2,250 to aged ministers relief; \$2,250 to the WMU Training School in Louisville, Ky.; and \$500 to the Margaret Fund for the WMU.

The WMU also voted to place money on hand designated for these objectives into one account.

Other recommendations approved by the body provided for a State Young People's Leadership Training Course for a team of five from each of the eight WMU districts in the state at Camp Garaywa on May 15-16; observance of White Cross Day in October for the Baptist Hospital; a mission study institute for district and associational mission study chairmen at Camp Garaywa

Report Shanghai Christians

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him their support in the Korean campaign.

"We Chinese Christians," they said, "have joined enthusiastically in the great movement to resist American imperialist aggression and to aid Korea now spreading among the entire Chinese people. We assure you that we will follow your leadership and contribute whatever we have to defeat these imperialist provocations, safeguard world peace and the security of our country."

"We will also complete the reformation of the Chinese churches in the direction of self-government, self-propagation and self-support within the shortest possible time, so as to get rid of the American imperialists' mis-use of Christianity as a means of carrying on their aggressive conspiracy in China."

Editor's Note: Here is a sample of Communism. Their aim is to destroy Christianity.

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Concerning Admission

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tion, beginning with the session 1951-52 carefully selected Negroes will be admitted on the following basis: Negro men who are candidates for the B. D., Th. M., or Th. D. and who hold as prerequisite the B. A. degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university, will be admitted to classes, library, and all academic rights and privileges.

Why was this action taken by the trustees? Basically, to meet an urgent Baptist need.

Negro Minister A Key Man

The Negro minister is a key man among his race. More and more Negro institutions and churches are demanding well trained leaders. There is not an accredited Negro Baptist seminary in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Negro Baptist Seminary in Nashville has not yet reached the point where it can attract and teach many Negro students on the college level. Its faculty must be drawn from seminaries that are either non-Baptist or outside the Convention territory. There are relatively few Baptist Negro ministerial students who are receiving college degrees. Unless provision is made for them in our white Southern Baptist seminaries, they will either be deprived of graduate study or compelled to go elsewhere to their obvious disadvantage.

Faculty Is Willing

The National Baptist Convention, with its constituency of four million members, needs trained leaders who have had their education in the South where most of them will work. The trustees felt that they must not turn aside from this appeal of need and this opportunity for service. The faculty expressed its entire willingness to teach these qualified and carefully selected men. Indeed, for the past ten years a small number of Negro ministers has been taught privately by members of the faculty. The students, having been canvassed, expressed their almost universal desire to have these students brought into their classes. Southwestern

May 17-18.

Two changes in the constitution were also approved. One limited the term for convention-elected officers to six years and provided that one year should elapse before becoming eligible for election to the office again. Officers are to be elected on the second day of the convention. The other change provides for an executive committee of seven members to be elected from the executive board.

Curtis Beard Joins Parkway Staff



CURTIS L. BEARD

Effective April 1, Curtis L. Beard joins the staff of Parkway Church of Jackson as director of education and promotion.

Mr. Beard, a former Sunday School Superintendent at Griffith Memorial, Calvary and at present, at Parkway, is widely known in church circles throughout the state. He has been connected with the First National Bank of Jackson for the past 16 years.

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Miss. Alumni Give To Southern Seminary Living Endowment

MISSISSIPPI ALUMNI of Southern Seminary, Louisville, rank second among the various state alumni groups in their percentage of participation in the Seminary's Living Endowment movement inaugurated last year by the Seminary alumni, according to Erwin L. McDonald, director of public relations at the Seminary.

Forty-five of the 165 alumni in Mississippi have already signed Living Endowment pledges, for a percentage of 27. Oklahoma alumni, with a participation of 28%, rank first, Mr. McDonald announced.

A total of 468 Southern Seminary alumni have already made pledges which will give the seminary an annual income of \$6,228, about one-tenth of the Living Endowment goal.

Purpose of the Living Endowment is to provide for needs of the seminary which are not being met through the annual income from the denomination. The number one need in this category is said to be the enlargement of the faculty. Fifteen classes at the seminary this session have more than 100 pupils each. Three new professors were elected recently but a dozen additional teachers are needed.

Seminary at Fort Worth and the New Orleans Seminary had already taken similar action. The Golden Gate Seminary, California, has admitted Negro students from the beginning.

The action of Southern Seminary trustees has in it no radical implications concerning the race issue. A Baptist need has been met on the practical Christian level. Let us rejoice in this added bond of fellowship between white and Negro Baptists and let us resolve to much more than we have yet done for the American Baptist Seminary at Nashville, fulfilling our joint responsibility with the Negro National Baptist Convention for its ever-increasing adequacy to meet the needs for which it was established.

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MISS SELMA RHODES

(Watch this column next week for

Miss Rhodes brings to this work a deep interest in missions as well as ability and experience as a nurse.

Miss Rhodes served as camp nurse last summer, and campers and staff welcome her back to Garaywa!

A HEALTH CERTIFICATE is required for each camper. Blanks are mailed for all who register; these are to be filled out by a doctor and brought to camp on the day of registration.

Camp makes available an excellent insurance policy, through BROTHERHOOD MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Fort Wayne, Ind. A fee of 50 cents a week provides up to \$1,000 accident protection and up to \$150 for sickness. All information will be received by the counselors. EVERY CAMPER SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS POLICY!

(another CAMP PERSONALITY)

Sparks & Splinters

THE VIVACE CLUB OF BLUE MOUNTAIN College has elected officers as follows: President, Ginger Parsell, Louisville, Ky.; Vice-President, Jean Lipsey, Memphis, Tenn.; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Jennings, Greenwood; Program Chairman, Creely Myatt, Houston, and Norma Pugh, Red Bay, Ala.; Social Chairmen, Mattie McKinney, Amory; and Sue Tomlinson, Walnut. The club is the musical organization on the campus. All students taking private lessons are eligible for membership.

SAINTS WITHOUT HALOS (\$2.00) BY Alvin E. Magary is an interestingly written volume concerning characters in the New Testament, presented as they lived and as people of their day saw them. Through them we grasp more firmly their meanings and understand more surely the gospel of the New Testament. Order from the Abington-Cokesbury Press, Nashville 2, Tenn., or from the Baptist Book Store.

PRAYER MEETING ATTENDANCE at River Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, is on the up-grade. A week ago there were 95 present for family night. At each Wednesday night service those present who will be asked to write cards to those of the church who are sick or who have other burdens. At the last prayer meeting there were 21 cards written.

TRIED BY FIRE (\$2.50) IS A VOLUME of expositions of I Peter by F. B. Meyer, which is the first volume to be issued in the Meyer Reprint Series. These sermons will be additional material welcomed by pastors and they can as easily be read and enjoyed by laymen who love God's Word. Order from the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

BUT HOW CAN I KNOW (25c), A forty page booklet published by the Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis 18, Missouri, should be in the hands of every perplexed person. The author is H. W. Gockel. Some of the chapter headings are: How Can I Know There Is a God, Which God to Believe In; That the Bible Is God's Word; That Jesus Claimed That He Was God; Why Did Christ Die; That I Can Get to Heaven on a Pass; That All Men Are Sinners; There Is a life After Death; That I Can Find Inner Peace and Strength.

THE RURAL DEPARTMENT AT Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey has compiled a list of a 100 games for use by church groups. This bulletin tells the leader how to handle the crowd, how to get timid people to take part, what kind of games to play, how to teach a game, and how to make the games interesting. It also tells how to use these 100 games. This bulletin (which sells for 30 cents) is not for professional recreational directors but for local church leaders. The world seems filled with war and hatred and suspicion. Churches are trying to teach peace and good will. Games and play under proper auspices help develop neighborliness and friendliness.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT that their ads which have run in popular magazines since 1944 have drawn 700,699 inquiries, and 58,346 persons have been enrolled for instruction in Catholic dogma.

CLINTON, MARCH 26—DR. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, is preaching this week in the Duncan Church, Duncan, South Carolina, where Dr. Basil Martin is pastor. Although Dr. Nelson is not an ordained minister of the Gospel, he is a deacon in the Clinton Church and is called on for many religious addresses and to supply many pulpits.

CHATS FROM A MINISTER'S LIBRARY (\$2.50) are taken from the radio broadcasts by that title in which the author, Wilbur M. Smith, spoke about old books, new books, current articles, sermons, etc., in the light of the literature that has grown around them. Some of the subjects included are "A Famous Legal Authority on the Dependability of the Testimony of the Four Evangelists," "A Review that Was Not Printed," "Paul's Love of Books," "Notes from the Margin of My Bible," "The Passing of H. G. Wells," and others. Order from the W. A. Wilde Company, 131 Clarendon Street, Boston, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store.

CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE BEEN asked to write their Congressmen protesting the passage of a bill which would double the postal rate on church bulletins, denominational papers, and all other religious periodicals. Religious publishers have asked Congressmen to exempt religious publications from any postal increase since the distribution of such material is needed now as never before.

MISSIONARY MELODIES (\$2.00) IS a 63 page book of songs, some familiar and some new, for little folks from three to nine. Some of the songs have motions suggested, several are for Sunbeam meetings, and as the title indicates, all of them stress missions and service. Attractive illustrations are included by Carol Critchfield. The book is compiled by Louanah Riggs Holcomb and is published by the Broadman Press. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

NASHVILLE, TENN., —(BP)— BILLY Graham, nationally known evangelist will speak in San Francisco to the Southern Baptist Convention on Friday, June 22, at 3:45 p. m., according to an announcement received here from the Committee on Order of Business.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH WILL BEGIN the series of services in the Evangelistic Crusade on Sunday, April 1-6. Dinner will be served on Sunday. Rev. M. C. Nelson will conduct the services. W. J. Nelson, of Mississippi College, will lead the singing.

THE BAKER BOOK HOUSE, GRAND Rapids 6, Michigan, has published a book written by Dr. George L. Murray and entitled OUR HOPE OF SURVIVAL (\$1.50). Herein the author demonstrates the Scriptural message of God's will for men and nations and gives the reader a sense of personal responsibility for our country's welfare. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

"HOW TO GET OUT OF THE RUT" might have been a good sub-title for a new sermon-building chart, A Roadmap for Sermons (25c). The chart has been prepared by Dr. Dwight E. Stevenson as a "map to indicate the best homiletic highways and to invite preachers out into the open roads of their own freedom and power". Dr. Stevenson, who is professor of homiletics at The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., has planned the chart especially to aid young ministers. Older ministers will find it a good refresher—reminding them of forgotten or unexplored paths of sermon preparation. For example, ten types of sermon plans are suggested. Eight ways of introducing the sermon are listed, and several methods of concluding the sermon are presented. The author has succeeded in presenting a guide which is concrete but not rigid. The emphasis is on helping each minister to develop his own resources, to harness his processes of creative thinking. In design it resembles a roadmap which may be spread upon the study desk for quick reference. Order from The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.

LOVERS OF BIOGRAPHY WILL especially enjoy the book **FANNY CROSBY** by Basil Miller (\$1.50). The blind writer of more than 8,000 hymns, her life radiated her love for Christ. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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OAK HILL CHURCH IN PEARL River County honored their new pastor, Roy "Sunshine" Stockstill and his wife on March 10 with a pounding. Many gifts were presented and games were enjoyed by the group.

BUILDING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL (60c) by R. C. Rein has been written for the benefit of the Lutheran Church, but many good and helpful suggestions are contained therein from which we might all profit. Chapter titles include: Forming a Proper Concept, Locating Causes for Losses, Strengthening the Weak Places, Developing Departments, Preparing for Evangelism, Seeking the Lost, Cooperating with the Home, The Ideal Sunday School. Order from the publisher, Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. or from the Baptist Book Store.



SHOWN ABOVE is the church sign of the Midway Church in Lauderdale County, directing passersby to the Baptist Church.

CLINTON, MARCH 24—MRS. GRACE M. Elsey, Dean of Women at Mississippi College and President of the Mississippi Association of Deans of Women, is attending a meeting of the National Association of Deans of Women in session at the Stevens Hotel March 26-29.

A GOOD BOOK FOR COUNSELORS of youth and for the young people themselves is one written by Joe W. Burton and entitled "TOMORROW YOU MARRY." Its eight chapter titles give a birds-eye view of the book's content: Most People Do, What Marriage Means, When You Are of Age, Signposts to Success, Two Hearts as One, How to Go About It, When Two Strike Out Together, and Christ's Way in Your Home. Published by the Broadman Press, orders may be sent to the Baptist Book Store. Price, \$1.25.

IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE Baptist Student magazine, Mrs. Sybil Brame Townsend, of Blue Mountain College, has a very helpful article for students on the subject "Maximum Scholarship."

"IS PEACE POSSIBLE?" IS THE timely title of one of the latest American Tract Society's tracts, recently released. This six-page leaflet, which shows from the Scriptures that there must be peace between men and God before there can be peace among men, is written by Dr. Stephen E. Slocum, author of several popular ATS tracts. The Tract Society, 21 West 46th Street, New York 19, N. Y., sponsored another "first" this Easter by issuing a unique French folder, "He Lives!" which combines the beauty of a greeting card with the message of a Gospel tract. Other new American Tract Society tracts include "Secret Sins," by Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer; "Communism," an 8-page condensation of a longer tract by the same name; and "The Virgin Mary," by Rev. Ralph B. Nesbitt.

MELINDA KAE ASKEW IS THE baby daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Askew, Southern Baptist missionaries, born February 24 in an Australian Army Hospital, Kure, Japan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Askew are natives of Mississippi.

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Up to now we have conducted 17 Leadership Laboratories this year. Four set up for April runs the total to 21 and eight planned for May will give us 29 before we come to our District Conventions—Making plans to attend the convention in your district? Here are the dates and places: June 4, Glenfield, Union Co.; June 5, Tate St., Corinth; June 6, First, Calhoun City; June 7, Murphey Creek, Winston Co.; June 8, Forest; June 11, Bay Springs; June 12, Richton; June 13, Lumberton; June 14, Magnolia; June 15, Monticello; June 18, Raymond; June 19, Pickens; June 20, Moorhead; June 21, Winona; June 22, Sardis. We have just run off a thousand each of the contest sheets! There is no way to estimate the blessings coming from the definite study resulting from the participation in these drills in the local churches.

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those 13 and over \$14.00 for one week.

Sixty-six days 'til District Convention at Glenfield! This is the first of the 15.

Extra Special Meeting April 13

A special meeting for Friday, April 13 is being called. The meeting will be in the assembly room at the Baptist Building, Jackson. The session will open at 11:00 a. m. and close at 4:00 p. m. It is an open meeting for all, but a special invitation has gone out to Associational Missionaries, the three State Training Union Convention officers, and the District Convention Presidents. Plans vital to the progress of the kingdom will be made and adopted. We expect a full attendance.

Our enrolment in Mississippi Training Unions is crowding the 100,000 mark. We have one out of four church members enrolled in Training Union. Twenty-five per cent for a church is the standard required. Some are way past that while others are under, but the average is 25%. Give a good big boost on the beginning of the second 100,000. Have an enlargement campaign in YOUR church.

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Amity Organizes Training Union

Amity Church of Chickasaw Association organized a B. T. U. with 28 present on March 18.

There were four unions organized with the following General Officers elected: Director, Mrs. Lattie Woodruff; Associate Director, Rev. J. B. Scott; Song Leader, Rev. J. B. Scott; Pianist, Mrs. Tessie Brents; General Secretary, Thomas O. Martin; Story Hour Leader, Mrs. T. O. Martin; Junior Leader, Mrs. Gene Murray; Intermediate and Young People's Leader, Mrs. Lorenza Clark; Adult Leader, Mrs. Tessie Brents; Reporter, Donald Clark.

The Pleasant Ridge Church put on a demonstration program. The pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Church, Rev. Arlis Bryant, brought the message of the evening. W. H. Haynes is the pastor of the Amity Church.

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ANTIOCH CHURCH IN NESHOBA County will begin its revival on Friday, March 20 and continue until April 8. Rev. Percy Williams, pastor, will do the preaching.

AT THE FIRST CHURCH, GREENWOOD, last Sunday, on the first day of the revival, the Sunday school attendance was 1,171 and the Training Union attendance was 124. Capacity crowds were in both services to hear Dr. J. H. Kyzar, pastor, bring the first messages in the revival series. The overflow was taken care of in other departments of the church where a public address system was used. There were many additions to the church.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY ENROLLS TOTAL OF 1,896

FORT WORTH, Texas —(BP)— Total enrolment in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for the year 1950-51 reached 1,896, according to Dr. E. D. Head, president of the Seminary. Of these 1,082 enrolled in the school of theology, 744 in the school of religious education, and 163 in the school of sacred music. Five hundred thirty-four are women and 1,362 are men. New students enrolled for the year are 789. There are 42 faculty members, 19 in the school of theology, 11 in the school of religious education, and 12 in the school of sacred music.

Since its beginning in 1908, Southwestern Seminary has enrolled 12,701 students and graduated 4,091. Five hundred and 26 of its students have become foreign missionaries, 56 of them in 1950. There are now 409 foreign mission volunteers on the campus.

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Groveton Training Course Reports 1,101 Contacts

A total of 1,101 personal contacts or invitations to church services were given by members of Groveton Church during their week of Training Union emphasis, according to an announcement by Rev. Julius Thompson, pastor.

Under the leadership of Henry Kersh, Training Union Director, an average attendance of 44 was had.

Books used and teachers of different age groups included: Adults and Young People, "Every Christian's Job," J. Harold Jones, pastor Leesburg; Intermediates, "Intermediate Fishers," Julius Thompson; Juniors, "Jesus Saves," Jewel Sanderson.

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Sunflower Training Program Improved

The Sunday School of the Sunflower Baptist Church, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Ernest B. Myers, is installing a new record system, according to Mrs. Lula B. Norris, General Secretary.

Monthly officers and teachers meetings are being held, with a special meeting of all church officers held each quarter.

A church training program has just been completed with 45 awards given on the book "The Bible and Prayer" by Dr. R. G. Lee.

Cottage prayer meetings are being held in preparation for the revival, April 1.

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BEREA PASTOR RESIGNS

Rev. George Lassett has resigned the pastorate of the Berea Church near Dundee in order to enter Mississippi College.

During his 18 months as pastor, a new church was constructed, a Sunday School and Training Union were organized, and the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record was adopted. Fifty were added to the membership.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

50 Years Ago

The Oxford Church states that they have "put in electric lights and will dispose of their chandeliers at a bargain."

The dedication sermon preached by Dr. J. L. Johnson, Sr., at the dedication of the First Church, Jackson, is published in the Baptist Record in full, in which the eminent "divine" christens the building "The Cathedral Church of the State," which he says will be to the Baptists of the state as "The Temple of Jerusalem." It is a most scholarly and appropriate deliverance.

40 Years Ago

Rev. N. A. Edmonds who finishes his course at the Louisville Seminary has been called to the pastoral care of the Liberty and Fernwood churches in south Mississippi, taking charge in June.

The annual revival of the Second Church, Columbus, resulted in 18 being added to the membership, Pastor J. H. Newton being assisted by State Evangelist Bryan Simmons.

25 Years Ago

Reports from Rev. J. L. Boyd give hope of his wife returning from the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., restored to health. She was operated on by Dr. Charles Mayo.

Miss Edwina Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. L. Berry of Hillman College has been awarded the scholarship prize in George Washington University for the highest average in her chapter for the year. She holds degrees from both Blue Mountain and Hillman colleges, before entering the university.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG
Clinton

Called and accepted:

M. M. Turner, Ingold and Faison, Eastern Assoc., N. C. from Hallsboro and Mt. Zion, Columbus Assoc.

W. N. Brookshire, New Friendship, N. C. from Wilkesboro.

Thomas J. Holmes, Lakewood Heights, Atlanta, Ga. from Manchester.

T. A. Wallace, Flintstone, N. C., from Turners Chapel and Everett Springs.

Truett Kendrick, Chaplaincy, from First, Rochelle, Ga.

W. R. Taylor, Washington, Ga. from Greenville and Gay.

H. P. Ames, Kissimmee, Fla.

John B. Johnson, First, Jacksonville, Ala., from Aliceville.

Furman O. Kelly, Lando, S. C. from Woodward Church, Chester.

Gilmer H. Cross, Goldsboro, N. C. from Oak Hill, West Va.

H. R. Thompson, Hornbeck, Tenn., from Ridgeley.

H. H. Boston, Vice-President, Union University, from First Church, Martin, Tenn.

T. L. Alexander, Trumble, Tenn., from Brighton, Tenn.

W. Neil Record, First, Julia, Texas.

E. C. Downs, Concord, Ark. from Lesha.

Del Hames, First, Ashdown, Ark. from First, Augusta.

Water Ward, Emmanuel, Palestine, Tex. from Friendship and Macedonia.

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A 96-PAGE BOOKLET ENTITLED THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, by Wayne C. Clark, contains much helpful information for those interested in joining the Baptist church. The first four chapters gives the policies, beliefs and practices of the church. The last three chapters take up the history of the Northern Baptist Church. Order from the Judson Press, Philadelphia, Pa., or from the Baptist Book Store.

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March 25, 1951

Laurel, Second Avenue	522	101
Greenwood, First	1,171	124
Jackson, Van Winkle	458	237
Daniel Memorial	553	176
Creswood	615	333
Eastside	120	72
Southside	386	114
Parkway	953	355
Northside	616	160
Calvary	1,554	323
Calvary Mission	15	22
First	1,951	465
Broadmoor	165	48
Harmony (Jones County)	121	68
Houston, First	274	88
Bunker Hill (Marion Co.)	405	187
Louisville, First	571	153
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	219	122
New Prospect (Lincoln Co.)	225	165
Friendship (Lincoln County)	83	73
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	101	56
Tupelo, Harrisburg	748	223
Newton	492	215
Pilgrim's Rest (Copiah Co.)	98	87
East Fork (Amite County)	173	62
Laurel, Highland	131	68
Lucedale	365	161
Forest Hill (Hinds County)	239	214
New Prospect (Lafayette County)	73	37
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	95	100
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	133	66
Fair River (Lincoln County)		60
South McComb	253	85
Springfield (Scott County)	97	49
East Louisville	96	64
Calhoun City, First	315	153
McComb, Friendship	227	100
Kosciusko, First	876	191
East End	242	109
Bethel (Pearl River Co.)	137	74
Brookhaven, First	1,382	452
Church	1,075	312
Hamilton Street Mission	135	55
Central Mission	172	85
West Laurel	572	132
Forest	334	111
Pascagoula, First	1,076	363
Main School	735	268
Eastlawn Mission	83	46
Unity Mission	129	34
Orange Grove Mission	40	35
McArthur Mission	40	
Jackson Avenue Mission	49	
Sharon (Jones County)	115	115
Greenwood (Pike County)	62	42
Bethlehem (Jones County)	169	106
Laurel, First	707	148
Gulfport, First	955	261
Greenville, Second	401	188
Crystal Springs, First	1,007	215
Moak's Creek (Lincoln Co.)	159	117
Magnolia, First	336	171
Mission	70	20
Clarksdale	798	160
Grenada, First	845	113
East McComb	541	211
Meridian, First	887	129
Highland	681	202
Fifteenth Avenue	576	113
Fifteenth Avenue Chapel	43	27
South Side	439	146
Poplar Springs	380	126
Poplar Springs Mission	42	36
Eighth Avenue	358	74
Forty-First Avenue	356	83
Oakland Heights	213	69
Oak Grove	129	60
Key Field	113	36

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East McComb	361	183
Crystal Springs, First	559	137
Laurel, Highland	67	59
Corinth, Tate Street	286	108
Magnolia, First	173	144
Mission	46	28
Union (Alcorn County)	98	79
Holly Bluff	101	68

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REV. GORDON GRIFFIN WILL DO the preaching in the revival at Bethel Church in Mississippi Association March 30-April 4. On Sunday April 1, both morning and afternoon services are planned with dinner to be served on the church grounds. Mr. Griffin, a student at the seminary, is pastor of the Bethel Church.

Roy Collum Begins
Liberty Pastorate

REV. ROY COLLUM, JR.

Rev. Roy Collum, Jr., has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Liberty, coming to the church from the pastorate of the First Church, Gibsland, Louisiana. He succeeds Dr. Chester M. Savage who resigned in order to accept the pastorate of the Memorial Church, Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Collum, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, was ordained by the Hughes Springs Church, Texas, where he was reared. He attended Louisiana College, Centenary College and Baylor University. Former pastorates include Buna

Our Readers Write

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second chapter of Acts, not even at a time like this?

Some of the programs for the National Guardsmen carried a sermon and a dance, which combination I think was an adoration to the Lord. Amos 5:21-27; 6:1-8.

Jesus said "Full well ye the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." Mark 7:9.

As our country now stands on the eve of another World War, I can only see a shadow of the prophecy found in Jeremiah sixth chapter for it is sooner or later.

I am writing this begging and beseeching that a clarion call to repentance be given our nation through the medium of our Baptist papers. II Chro. 7:14.

MRS. O. K. GERMANY
Meadville

Dear Editor:

Many thanks for those good editorials you have been giving us in the Baptist Record. I am especially thankful for the information you are giving us about the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Give us more.

We need to wake up as to the seriousness of the present situation.

(Editor's Note: The letter below was prompted by reports that President Truman passed up church services on Sunday to go swimming. The letter was written by Rev. Clyde Freed, Jr., assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark.)

President Harry S. Truman
Key West, Florida
Dear Mr. President:

As one Baptist to another, the people of our nation are thinking that you as President are making a mistake to (1) take a weekend off when our boys are being sent off (2) spend God's day enjoying the ocean breezes when the men in Korea are getting their freezes; (3) spend God's day taking a swim when God set Sunday aside to worship him, and (4) spend your time listening to your daughter sing when you should be worshipping the King of Kings.

and Newton in Texas, and Atlanta, Oil City, and Gibsland in Louisiana.

Mrs. Collum, the former Georgia Sealy of Kosse, Texas, is a graduate of Dodd College, Shreveport. The fathers of both Mr. and Mrs. Collum are ministers. The Collums have one daughter, age three.

During the three and one-half years' pastorate of Dr. Savage, much progress was made in the Liberty Church. There were 160 additions, more than 70 by baptism. A record attendance of 307 was made in Sunday School. Offerings reached a peak above \$15,000 a year. A Hammond organ, chimes, a new piano and amplification system were installed. A baptistry was built and much refinishing work was done in the auditorium and on the furniture, as well as

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE Baptist Building were: Rev. Paul N. Harlan, Jackson; Mrs. N. A. Edmonds, Jackson; Mrs. M. Glenn Smith, Corinth; Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, Kosciusko; Rev. C. J. Rushing, Laurel; Rev. E. D. Estes, Louisville; Mrs. Leon Dunaway, McComb; Mrs. A. A. Scarborough, Mrs. Ernest Barron, Mrs. W. M. Doak, McComb; Mrs. Jim Parker, McComb; Mrs. Pete Thomas, McComb; Rev. Guy A. Lettles, Crystal Springs; Mrs. C. J. Steelman, Mrs. B. McGinty, Ocean Springs; Rev. M. S. Riley, Smithdale; Rev. P. N. Harlan, Jackson; C. S. Lumbley, Canton; Shiela Nuttall, Yazoo City.

carpets and other items added.

The church adopted a missionary to Africa and gave \$5,500 per year to missions.

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SHOWN ABOVE with their leaders are the Juniors of the Van Winkle Church, Jackson, who took part in the recent "Travel Course." The group visited various Baptist institutions in the area, stopping at each point while a chapter of the study course book was taught. The photograph was taken during the stop at the Baptist Building.

Nigerian Daily Compliments Work of Educational Missions

A high compliment to the work of educational missions abroad has been received by Dr. George W. Sadler, the Baptist Foreign Mission Board's Secretary for Europe, Africa, and the Near East. It is an editorial from the Nigerian Daily Times dated March 10.

The editorial says: "For a long time it has appeared as if the foreign missionaries in this country have been sowing the seeds of education and enlightenment on stony ground."

"While labouring day and night to improve every phase of life of the people, they have been criticized and misrepresented as 'agents of imperialism,' unworthy of any material and moral support."

"How many Nigerians share this view? That no responsible Nigerian does, can be judged from the debates now going on in the Legislative Council . . . But perhaps even more gratifying is the unanimous admission that the government itself, controlling, as it does, vast resources, has not done as much as the Voluntary Agencies to develop education."

"Surely, this is the highest tribute any citizen can pay. It is a reflection of deep feelings of gratitude. The people's representatives have aired what can be taken as a cross-section of public opinion."

"We can only hope that the Voluntary Agencies will continue their work of enlightenment and spiritual emancipation in Nigeria, undeterred by the savage criticisms of a few."

Dr. Sadler states that in Nigeria about 90% of educational work is being done by the missionary societies. Southern Baptists are responsible for 30,000 pupils in 296 schools.

Clear Creek Bible School To Have Summer Conference

PINEVILLE, Ky., March 13—Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's Bible School, Pineville, Ky., Dr. L. C. Kelly, president, has announced the first summer Bible Conference, under the sponsorship of the school, July 24 to August 2. Dean Bill Smith will be director of the conference.

"Knowing God" will be the theme for the week's spiritual program. Included among the outstanding Baptist preachers are: Dr. I. L. Yearby, pastor Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. A. H. Cullen, pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.; Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. Willis E. Howard, Evangelist, La Grange, Ga.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- April 2—Evangelistic Crusade; Rev. E. C. Edwards, McComb, Woman's College trustee.
- April 3—Rev. Roy Self, District X Training Union President; W. Harold Cox, Baptist Orphanage trustee.
- April 4—Fred Purser, Bolivar Association Brotherhood president; Earle Cottrell, Clarke College trustee.
- April 5—Miss Florence Lambert, nurse, Woman's College; Mrs. Hugh Wade, Clay Associational WMU Superintendent.
- April 6—Miss Frances Skulley, Mississippi College faculty; W. B. Gary, Covington Associational Sunday School Superintendent.
- April 7—Miss Clara Dally, Blue Mountain College faculty; Clifton Brown, Scott Associational Training Union Director.
- April 8—Baptist Hour Broadcast at Close of Crusade revivals.

BAPTIST LAYMEN TO UNDERGIRD EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

Never before in the history of Baptist have laymen so wholeheartedly supported any movement as they are the great Evangelistic Crusade, March 25-April 8. We reported in this column last week the attendance at a number of the Laymen's Rallies and are following those with a number of others below. There is no better sign of interest than the attendance of one upon a meeting. Reports have come to us by the score from these Laymen's Rallies which indicate that the revival has already started. All of the reports are not in, but we do have the following attendance reports.

Grenada 12; Clarke 103; Jackson 124; Leake 19; Lamar 38; Bolivar 123; Wayne 54; Lincoln 135; Franklin 40; Winston 100; Alcorn 114.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

ELEMENTS OF A GOOD BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM

By L. H. TAPSCOTT

The regular meetings of a church Brotherhood are so important, and the programs in the meetings are the center around which the entire work of a Brotherhood revolves. Interesting programs well planned and well presented will make any Brotherhood grow and go.

A program for a Brotherhood meeting should have several characteristics:

1. EMPHASIS. It should point somewhere and not be for entertainment only.
2. ATMOSPHERE. This is achieved by use of songs, prayer and scripture. Too much informality may prevent the spiritual tone that every meeting should have. Thick smoke in the meeting room is not conducive to spirituality.
3. TIMELINESS. Every program should be fitted into the church or denominational calendar, or in relation to important seasonal emphasis that it will be appropriate.
4. PARTICIPATION. To build interest and develop men it is necessary to plan for participation by several men each time. There are minor parts in the singing, scripture readings, prayers and reports that will use several individuals. Some features can use everybody present.
5. ELEMENTS. All the parts of a Brotherhood meeting from the very beginning may be thought of as the program. There is a program period, 30 to 45 minutes, devoted

to informing and inspiring the men, and this is the "program" part for which the Program Vice-President is chiefly responsible. The following outlined suggestions give a workable order of the elements of a regular Brotherhood meeting.

Songs, one or more
Prayer
Scripture reading

Business period
— recognize visitors, new members; minutes by Secretary; recommendations from Executive Committee; business

matters if any.

Activities period—brief oral reports by Activities Vice-President and committees on work done, new activities planned and assigned.

Brief message by the pastor
Program period — singing, special music, prayer

Talks by two or more men (best not to use more than four at any one meeting) or one address.

Announcements about next meeting.
Closing prayer

The time for a Brotherhood meeting should be approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. If meal is served, allow 25 to 30 minutes additional time. If light refreshments are served they should be at the close rather than at the beginning.

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Nebraska Bars Grants To Church

LINCOLN, Neb. —(RNS)— A Nebraska county may not make a financial grant to a hospital operated by a religious denomination, the Attorney General's office ruled here.

The opinion, requested by the Scotts Bluff County Attorney, stated that the legislature cannot appropriate or pledge public money for private purposes and therefore cannot authorize a county board to do so.

(Editor's Note: Mississippi is providing money for church related hospitals).



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A SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION Special train will leave Atlanta June 11 and return June 30. Information may be obtained from John Jeter Hurt, 215 Rumson Road, Atlanta. San Francisco convention officials report a large number of reservations.

THE LIVELY PILGRIM (\$2.50) IS the story of a little boy, Kleine Klaus, whose father was a minister and who was a typical boy. The story will bring many a good laugh to the reader, and many a tear as well. It runs the entire gamut of human experiences and is accompanied by a wholesome, Christian philosophy of life. Written by Bastian Kruithof and published by the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich., the book may be ordered from the Baptist Book store or from the publisher.

Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell.
Lesson for April 1.

THE STORY OF CREATION.

Scriptures: Genesis 1-2; John 1:1-3.

I. IN THE BEGINNING

The beginning of time. We have, with the first chapter, come to what I think of as the close of eternity past. There comes a time in the future when time shall be no more. Then begins eternity future. "When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more" then begins eternity future. We are living in time now. Time had a beginning; eternity had no beginning. Time will have an end; eternity will have no end. God was in eternity past; God had no beginning. God, with all the redeemed of God, will exist in eternity future; God and His redeemed ones will have no termination or limit of existence.

"In the beginning God..." "In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God. The same (the Word) was in the beginning with God." When time began, God was (already), and the Word was also, ever turning face to face with God, and was of God-substance, was God. In the beginning, at the beginning, an event marked the beginning, and that event was the beginning of creation.

II. GOD CREATED

Before that, space filled all immensity, just space, to our minds, emptiness, limitless void, dark, formless, lifeless, save for God. Then God created, brought into existence, the material of which His universe is made. In how long a time? Have it your way! Twenty minutes or twenty million years, either suits me, if you can show me that God occupied that much time in the creation. The point of significance with me is that He created of nothing all the material stuff of which things, all materials are made—all systems, all suns, all stars, all planets, all everything of which anything is composed, sky and solid-seeming earth, fragrant rose on my lady's bosom and giant redwood, towering in the sheltered glen, monkey and man, fish and feathered songster—all of them, everything is of God's creation.

Here in the book of Genesis is the greatest story ever written, the story of the beginning of the universe, of this earth, of man, of the family, which is still the basic unit of all God-ordained society, the beginning of sin, of salvation, of crime, of worship, of service, of nations and languages.

All these and other exhibitions of power call for, demand a Personal source of power. Our common sense calls for a Personal source of power, and we call this Personal source of power God. Certain eighteenth century philosophers (fool-osophers) deceived themselves into believing that they believed in impersonal power operating this world of ours.

But the Bible gives us the picture of a Personal God, all-powerful, righteous, and loving. This God created the world, then the earth and all things herein "by the word of His power." Leave it stand thus. I would rather be a creature of His love and care than to be an accident of force and matter in conflict. So then He is Source of all creation, the Sustainer of all creation, the Source and Sustainer of all spiritual life. Can you not see that it must be so? And so we must give Him first place or give Him no place in the scheme of our lives.

III. THE CROWN OF GOD'S CREATION

"God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.'" "What is man...? For thou has made him but little lower than God, and crownest him with glory and honor." (Psalm 8:4-5). "Man is a combination of human and



REV. W. E. OVERSTREET

Rev. W. E. Overstreet has accepted the pastorate of the Duffee Church in Newton County. He will serve the church in connection with his studies at Clarke College.

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THE BAKER BOOK HOUSE, GRAND Rapids 6, Michigan, has released SPURGEON'S EXPOSITORY ENCYCLOPEDIA, VOLUME I (\$3.75). This first volume contains some of his sermons on the following subjects, classified and arranged for ready reference: Abraham, Adoption, Affliction, Aged, Angels, Assurance, Atonement, Backsliding, Be-attitudes. This 510 page book may be ordered from the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich., or from the Baptist Book Store.

divine, of the earthly and the heavenly. The most depraved criminal bears upon his soul the divine imprimature, a likeness to Him, the stamp of His image.

We may see in Jesus the perfect combination of the human and the divine, a life and being brought into existence by conception under the power of that same Spirit which in the beginning created the heavens and the earth. We are unique creatures of God in that our personalities correspond to His divine personality, our souls similar in essence to His soul. We are born creatures of God and we become sons of God when we accept the responsibilities of sonship, thus becoming "joint heirs with Christ." Let us never grow discouraged over our own sins or the sins of Humanity. God is greater than these, for God is greater than Satan.

This fact should make us tolerant of others and more patient as we run the race that is set before us. We are of the royal line of the Most High. All men in the world, of whatever race or region, are our potential brothers. All human life is sacred in His sight. God gave man, mankind, man the creature, dominion over the created universe. Even in his fallen state, man maintains that dominion. Any strife against the animal creation in which he must engage is the strife of a master and not a servant, the reassertion of a right which God conferred upon him.

All this has been in renewed revelation made plain to us, explained to us, and made available to us in Jesus Christ, in whose face "the light of knowledge of the glory of God" is shed upon us.

IV. THE FLIGHT OF MAN AND THE PROMISE OF GOD

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head." (Genesis 3:13).

Evil entered the world from without. It was no part of the original creation. But it has led us into an awful condition. We have wandered away from God. But God's promise of ultimate triumph stands sure. Let us have faith in our home and stand firm in our faith.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

PANOLA MUSIC ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED

On March 18, a county-wide music festival was held at Courtland. Representatives were present from 12 churches which was more than 50% of the churches in the association. Several church groups rendered special music, and plenty of congregational singing was led by the various church song leaders present.

Special emphasis was placed upon the singing for the Evangelistic Crusade. Brief statements of emphasis were given throughout the program touching such subjects as "Music and Worship," "Evangelistic Songs," "Service Planning," and other phases of music planning.

The hymn festival climaxed a week of music study held at the Peach Creek Church led by W. C. Morgan, State Music Secretary. During the week there was a total enrolment of 140. The book "Practical Music Lessons" by Harrison

and McKinney was used as the basic study.

During the music festival on Sunday afternoon the Panola Baptist Music Association was organized. The constitution and by-laws recommended by the State Department of Music was adopted, and a schedule of the Quarterly Hymn Sings was arranged. Claude Lazenby, Tacowa Church was elected President, Mrs. David Cook, Como Church, Vice-President, Rev. Joe Oliver, Courtland, Secretary-Treasurer.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND MUSIC WEEK AT RIDGECREST

Many people are making plans for the summer, and now is the time to place the Ridgecrest Music Assembly on your calendar. The Music Assembly will be held August 23-29. The Mississippi Delegation is expected to exceed 150 in number.

For further information, write State Music Dept., Jackson, Mississippi.

Citizens League Creates Interest

BELZONI, Miss.—Following a mass meeting here which organized a Christian Citizens' League Sheriff W. B. Powell of Humphreys County warned violators of dry Mississippi's liquor and gambling laws that they must "close up or be closed."

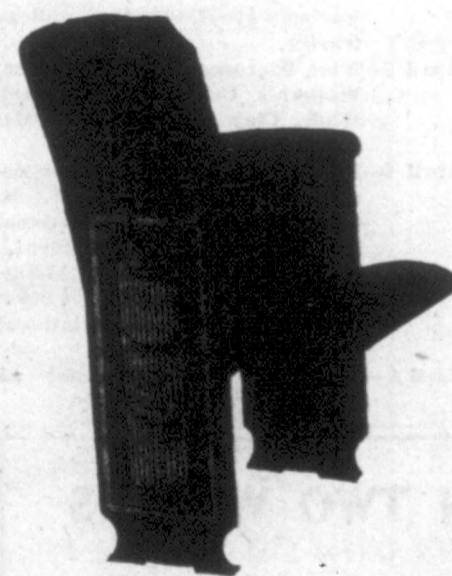
Enforcement of the laws was the first aim of the league which was organized Sunday at a meeting called by ministers of the county. The sheriff's warning was issued immediately following a conference called by officers of the newly formed group with county and local officials.

Paul Townsend, Sr., cashier of the Citizen's Bank and Trust Co., and a deacon in the Belzoni Baptist Church, is president of the league. He said that the reason for calling the meeting with law enforcement officials was "to pledge the league's help." Sheriff Powell told the meeting that all officers had been notified "to quell gambling and bootlegging in the county."

Ministers in the county preached on the topic of civic righteousness on the Sunday preceding the mass meeting.

(Editor's Note: See last week's issue for account of the meeting).

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20 DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Beginning on Monday, April 16, and continuing through Friday, May 11, we are having 20 Sunday School conferences over the state in the interest of the Sunday school and Vacation Bible school work of this year.

The complete program will appear in next week's issue of the Baptist Record. There will be morning and afternoon sessions only, so as not to interfere with prayer meetings on any nights. Watch for the program.

ASSEMBLY TIME AGAIN

July 16-20 is the Sunday School Assembly week at Camp Garaywa. Be sure and save the date, Sunday school workers, and others, too.

Write us for reservations. The program will begin Monday night and close on Friday night.

DON'T FORGET RIDGECREST

And in all the planning, don't forget Ridgcrest. The Sunday school weeks are: June 14-20; June 21-27, and June 28-July 4. The special week for associational leaders is June 1-6.

A bus will run from Jackson for the week of June 14-20. If you want a place on it, write us as early as possible.

ANOTHER NEW SCHOOL

Rev. B. B. McGee has organized a new Sunday school in his afternoon church at Shiloh in Calhoun County.

That is the way to get more people in Bible study. We must go where the people are if we expect to reach them. Many other new schools need to be organized also in many places, including mission points. The first quarter's literature is free to any new school.

LOWNDES REPORTS SUCCESSFUL VACATION SCHOOL CLINIC

"We had a very successful Vacation Bible school clinic," says Miss Fannye Greene, the leader of this work in the Lowndes Association.

She further states: "There were 11 white and four colored churches represented. Our goal is a school in every church."

That is the kind of planning that will get results, and many of our associations are doing just that this year. The prospects are great for not only the greatest number of schools ever, but also for more efficient schools.

An associational clinic will be one of the very best means of all of assuring better schools, as well as more of them.

ONLY EIGHT OUT NOW

We have never had as many associations reporting Sunday school training this early in the new year. Through the first five months of this Sunday school year—October through February—every association in the state has made such a report except eight. That's a record we have never had before at this time of the year.

The eight associations not reporting through February were: Benton, Clay, Franklin, Kemper, Monroe, Perry, Tate and Zion. We feel sure these will also be in on the group reporting.

We never lose when we train our people for greater efficiency.

MEET THE LEADERS

Hinds Association led the state for the first five months of this year in total number of Sunday school training

awards with 1,075. In second place was Jackson with 932.

The First Church, Pascagoula, Dr. C. L. McKay, pastor, led the state in total wards for any church with the astounding number of 693. What a record! Congratulations!

MORE STANDARDS

These units have recently become standard:

Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian, Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor, J. E. Black, Jr., superintendent; Dorcas, Adult, Brookhaven First, Mrs. H. H. Ward; 16-Year Boys, Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave., L. C. English; Queen Ester, Intermediate, Columbus First, Miss Annie Agnew; 13-Year Boys, Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave., J. D. Headrick; TEL, Adult I, Parkway, Jackson, Mrs. K. O. Fryant; Ruth, Intermediate, Parkway, Jackson, Mrs. A. D. Downing; 13-Year Girls, Parkway, Jackson, Mrs. Dorothy Nettles; Extension Department, Yazoo City First, Mrs. B. E. Patty, superintendent, and these Group superintendents of the same department: Mrs. L. S. Aven, Mrs. John Harris, Mrs. B. E. Patty, Mrs. Cliff Russell, Miss Minnie Thompson, Mrs. George Wadsworth, Mrs. J. P. Williams.

Cradle Roll, Jackson Griffith Memorial, Mrs. J. L. Mahaffey. Nursery: IV and VII, Jackson First, Mrs. N. N. Edmonds and Mrs. Ray Sanders. Beginner: Columbus First, Mrs. Charles Gavin; Clarksdale, Mrs. Turner Dunn. Primary: Philadelphia First, Mrs. Kay Walton; Kosciusko First, Mrs. J. C. Davidson. Primary Classes: Philadelphia First, Miss Inez Tucker and Mrs. Roy Trout; Kosciusko First, Mrs. P. C. Cain; Jackson Parkway, Mrs. O. C. Berry; Columbus First, Mrs. Sam Chesner and Mrs. Milton Morton.

Junior Department, Columbus First, Mrs. Ruby Tucker. Junior Classes: Columbus First, F. M., G. O. Wallace; Ergle, F. W. Ergle, Marys, Miss Alice Stanley; King's Daughters, Mrs. B. V. Carr; Willing Workers, Mrs. T. A. Moody; Happy Band, Mrs. Lillian Westbrook; Willing Workers, H. G. Hankinson; Cheerful Helpers, Mrs. D. P. Perkins. Mendenhall, Truth Seekers, Mrs. L. H. Lee. Jackson Parkway, 10-Year Girls, Mrs. Henry Broadstreet; Buddies, Mr. Henry Broadstreet.

Our sincere thanks to all these leaders for this fine work. Who will be next? Remember: Standard Units are better.

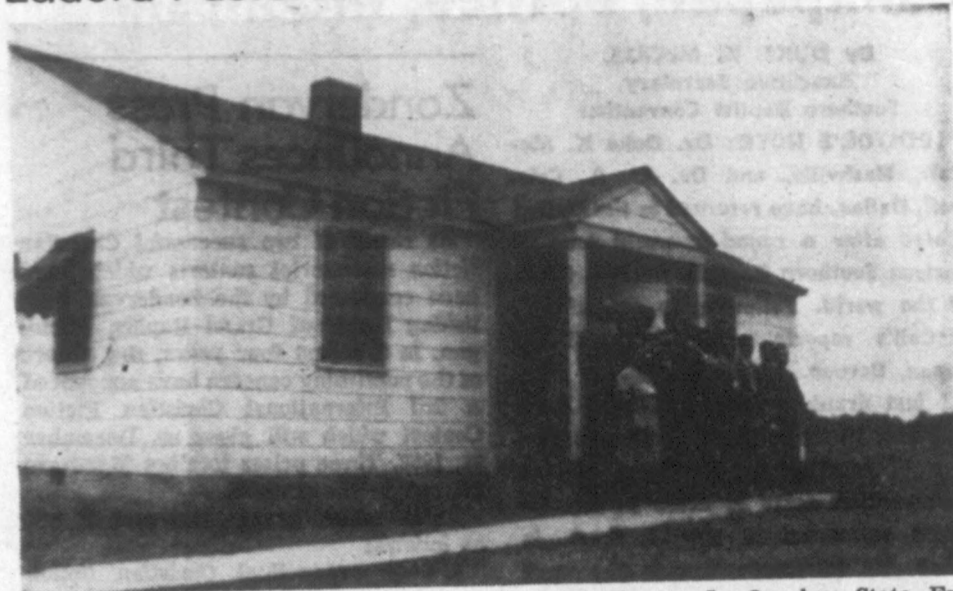
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REV. LEE GOODSON BROUGHT THE message at the early morning Easter Service at the Fair River Church, Lincoln County, where he is pastor.

"THE FACT THAT HUMAN HISTORY has been a tragic record of lust and violence does not disprove the deity of Jesus. It rather magnifies the necessity for One who is able to save unto the uttermost. Jesus is that One, and 'he shall not fail... till he have set judgment in the earth.'" —Clifton J. Allen, The Teacher.

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Assumption of Mary

By C. K. RAND

On November 1, 1950, the Pope proclaimed to the world the new Dogma of the Assumption of Mary. The Pope by virtue of his so-called supreme teaching authority proclaimed that: "The immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her life on earth was finished, was taken up body and soul in heaven."

This Bull of the Pope is called *Munificentissimus Deus* and has one interesting admonition; "If anyone, which God forbid, should dare to deny or to call into doubt what has been defined by us, let him know that he has fallen completely from the divine and Catholic faith." So all conscious dissenters such as myself and other Baptists thus forfeit our salvation.

Not in Bible

The Roman Catholic Church says that this fable about Mary is not new but was always believed by Roman Catholics. If not new why did the Pope refrain from giving a single passage from the Bible to substantiate such a dogma? Here is what a Roman priest writes about this teaching:

"It cannot be proved from the Bible or from contemporate historical witnesses, but it rests on such solid theological principles, that many Bishops have written the Apostolic See, requesting its definition as a dogma of the faith." (The Question Box, Conway B. L. Paulist Press, N. Y., N. Y. Pg. 361).

Scripture does not offer one single verse that will support this dogma.

Not in Early Tradition

The Roman Catholic Church likes to point a finger into the dim past and claim that the traditions of the church justify their teachings. Let us look at this dogma in the light of church history.

This fable began to spread in the "fourth century," and Epiphanius felt led to write: "Let any one scrutinize the Scriptures. Neither will he read that Mary died, or died not; neither that she was buried, nor that she was not." Very few traditions can be traced to the Apostolic era. If Mary lived with the Apostle John as we can reasonably suppose, (John 19:26-27), and John wrote the gospel bearing his name along with the three epistles and the book of Revelation, it would seem that he would have mentioned Mary's death and Assumption if it had occurred. A miraculous Assumption surely would not have been overlooked by all the New Testament writers. How can we imagine Paul ignoring such an event.

Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem toward the middle of the fifth century claimed to know where the body of Mary had

Rev. Chester L. Quarles, State Executive Secretary, was in charge of the dedication service held in the newly erected pastorium of the Eudora Church.

The church is very proud of the progress it has made in the last 15 months under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Harold C. Clower.

The pastorium was free of all debt at its completion. Special recognition was given to Mr. and Mrs. Jones Pounders for deeding two acres of land to the church for the pastorium.

A prayer of dedication was offered by the chairman of the board of deacons, Mr. C. P. Dockery, Sr.

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"MEN ARE HAVING TO EXAMINE the basis for their beliefs as never before. Words which we have mouthed so freely have been dissected to discover their real meaning. Concepts which have been inherited have become fresh, vital experiences." —Porter Routh, The Baptist Student.

been buried, he tried to win a position of prominence in the church by this claim. The Christians at Ephesus denied that Mary had died in Jerusalem. They claimed she followed the Apostle John to Asia Minor.

In this Bull of the Pope the eumeration of those who taught the Assumption begins with St. John Damascene who died on or about 775 A. D. Hence we can conclude that the tradition does not begin in the body of the church until around the year of 700 A. D. So the fable is not admitted by the earliest of the church fathers. This fable took 700 years to grow and 1250 years to flourish before the present Pope dared to proclaim it as a dogma.

What Logic!

The approach of Rome on all their dogmas is one of logic. Here is their human reasoning. "It was possible, it was fitting, therefore it happened." God could raise Mary from the grave. It was fitting that He do so. He did so. Simple and stupid. It is blasphemy for any sinner to decide what God should do or could do. It is amazing how well God runs His world without the advice of the Pope.

All Roman Catholics must believe this dogma.

"See to it than no one deceives you by philosophy and vain deceit, according to human traditions, according to the elements of the world and not according to Christ" (Col. 2:8).

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Balikpapan, Borneo, Indonesia

By DUKE K. McCALL
Executive Secretary
Southern Baptist Convention

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, and Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, have returned to the United States after a round-the-world tour of various Southern Baptists mission fields of the world. Following is one of Dr. McCall's reports written from Balikpapan, Borneo, Indonesia).

I just drank a cup of java in Java and met the wild man of Borneo. By way of reaction the five cent cup of coffee which costs 10 cents in my favorite restaurant in the U. S. A. is worth \$10 in comparison to the stuff you get in Djakarta.

The Indonesians have just gotten their freedom from the Dutch. Today they are celebrating with a big parade. I almost missed my plane trying to get around the miles of American equipment which lined the streets of the capitol.

I hope we Americans are selling democracy as well as the equipment to defend it. It is assumed by all that an American tourist is a gold mine to be excavated by whoever can.

Generally the United States' effort to make friends in foreign lands takes the form of dealing with governments. We give (or "Lend" which means the same thing) money to the government. We treat government officials royally.

What we do not understand is the difference between our attitude toward our government and the attitude of most of the people in the world. For most of the people all that the introduction of democracy means is a change of words and the people in power. Where an American thinks of the government as his friend, other people instinctively think of the government as an enemy.

Thus it is that making friends with a government does not mean that you have made friends with a people.

I have listened to the voice of America radio broadcasts. I have visited our consulates and embassies everywhere we stopped. I have tried, as an amateur, to evaluate the other U. S. A. propaganda and information services.

I believe the best media for creating world friendship and understanding is Christian missions.

The Russians have long since learned to tell their story to the people. We have a better story but we tell it to the wrong folks.

That is why I believe that Christian missions are the best way to get to the people.

More important than selling America, the missionaries have a message of a new power for life. It is the power of God through Jesus Christ.

That will sound like a Sunday sermon when you read it. Out here it sounds like the cure for the worst trouble these new nations have. The character of the people who suddenly come to power in these new democracies is not always ready for the temptations of that power. As a result the mass of people gain nothing by the change and lose the efficiency and justice which belonged to the old colonial system.

I keep remembering that Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Here people have reversed the order. They want freedom first and truth later.

No stable government, whether in North America or the isles of the Pacific Ocean, can be built without a foundation of truth expressed in the character of the people.

Zondervan Press Announces Third Fiction Contest

As result of two successful Christian fiction manuscript contests which have been conducted by the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the past four years, the editors of the publishing concern have announced a 3rd International Christian Fiction Contest which will close on December 31, 1952. Three prizes totaling \$5,000 are offered in the contest.

Rules which govern the contest are as follows:

1. Only evangelical Christian fiction manuscripts, with a minimum of 50,000 words and a maximum of 100,000 words, will be considered in this prize contest.
2. Manuscripts must be postmarked no later than midnight, December 31, 1952.
3. Author may select any theme.
4. The judges' decision will be final.
5. Anyone not an employee of the Zondervan Publishing House is eligible.
6. Author guarantees to publisher, in submitting manuscript, that it is original and hitherto unpublished.
7. The publishers reserve the right to publish any story submitted on a regular royalty basis.
8. In the event that no manuscript submitted is of the quality meriting such an award, the publisher reserves the right to disqualify the manuscripts.
9. All manuscripts must be typewritten, double spaced, on one side of an 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper.
10. Address manuscripts to:
The Editors
Zondervan's Third International Fiction Contest
Zondervan Publishing House
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan.

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Children Available Through DP Office

NEW ORLEANS—A limited number of children are available for adoption through the newly amended Displaced Persons Law it is announced by Charles R. Gage, resettlement director for Baptist displaced persons.

"Some of these children have lost one or both parents in the war while some have been legally surrendered by their parents because they are unable to support them," Mr. Gage said. While most of the children available are of Greek and Italian origin, there are a few from other countries.

All proceedings for the adoption of these children must conform with the regulations established by state agencies responsible for the adoption of children. Parents will have to qualify under the laws in their own state and studies of the homes will have to be made by welfare workers.

Children coming under this program must, of course, be accompanied by an adult. Sponsors will be required to pay for the round trip transportation of the adult plus certain other legal fees. In certain classifications, the transportation will be provided by the government.

Religious, educational, and nationality background will be taken into full consideration. For further information write directly to the United States Displaced Persons Commission, Washington, D. C. or Baptist Displaced Persons Office, 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

50,000TH BOOK ACQUIRED BY S-WESTERN LIBRARY



Shown above is Dr. L. R. Elliott with the 5,000th and the 50,000th Volume of the Library of the Southwestern Seminary.

Fourth Generation Holcomb Baptized

DALLAS, Texas—(BP)—Eight-year-old Henry Holcomb was baptized by his father, the Rev. Luther Holcomb, recently in the Lakewood Baptist Church here.

The father of the Lakewood pastor, Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Nashville, Tenn., stood outside the baptistry and read from the Bible.

For these two the event will refresh memories of similar baptisms years ago.

The elder Holcomb was baptized at 15 years by his father, W. B. Holcomb in a creek near Purvis, Miss.

In 1921, T. L. Holcomb, then pastor of the First Baptist Church at Sherman, baptized then 11-year-old Luther Holcomb.

T. L. Holcomb is now executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board.

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Survey Shows Men Contribute Labor

In a recent study of 341 rural or village churches located in 44 states and belonging to 23 different denominations it was found that the men of these churches contributed 40 different types of labor gifts.

In 12 per cent of the cases the men contributed their labor to beautify the church grounds. In 10 per cent of the churches the voluntary labor of the men was used in building. The 605 men who helped with such construction in these 34 churches contributed an average of \$79.31 in labor per man or \$1845.57 per church. This was three times the average annual cash gift.

In the 16 per cent of the churches the men made equipment for the church school.

The painting of the church or parsonage was one of the most successful group projects for men. One-third of the 341 churches used it. The 886 men thereby saved \$10,734 for their churches.

These voluntary labor gifts are described in a new bulletin entitled MEN WORKING. It contains 72 pages and 58 photographs of the men at work. The Rural Church Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, is distributing this bulletin on a non-profit basis for 30 cents a copy.

These labor gifts develop for the men a new pride and a new loyalty for their church.

Dr. L. R. Elliott, who 34 years ago, placed the 5,000th volume on the shelves of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's library, this month received volume number 50,000.

In more than three decades in the library, Dr. Elliott has witnessed it grow from its one-room quarters in Fort Worth Hall to the present Fleming Library, valued at a half million dollars. It is today the largest theological library located west of the Mississippi River.

Dr. Elliott began his work as a student assistant in 1919 when the books were shelved in the first floor of Fort Worth Hall. In 1939, the library was moved to the Woman's Building. Ten years later, the books were transferred to Fleming Library, which has a capacity for 150,000 volumes.

Along with the physical expansion of the building has come a growth in the budget and in the staff. In 1922, the library operated on an annual budget of \$14,000. The budget this year is \$45,000. This includes funds for salaries, supplies, books and magazines.

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BLIND PREACHER TO COMPLETE COURSE AT S'WESTERN SEMINARY

"This is no handicap that some would think it to be. For many years now I have travelled, worked, played and studied without sight until it is natural to do my work as I am," said Rev. A. D. Williams when asked if blindness was a handicap in his work as a preacher.

A graduate of the Louisiana State School for the Blind and a B. A. graduate of Louisiana College in 1945, Mr. Williams will receive the B. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary in May, 1951. His wife is also a graduate of Louisiana College and has studied at the New Orleans Seminary and Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Williams has done radio work, supply preaching and has also directed choirs. He feels that the Lord has called him to preach and say that all he asks is that friends and those interested will provide opportunities for him to get started as he completes his seminary work next May. His address is P. O. Box 6008, Seminary Hill Station, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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LORENA CHURCH IN SMITH COUNTY held its revival March 18-25, with Rev. B. T. Bishop of Meadville doing the preaching. There were ten professions of faith. Mr. Bishop was invited to return for the summer revival. Rev. Charlie Sandifer is the pastor.